

House File 2313 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the duration of sessions of the general
2 assembly.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 2.10, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. Every member of the general assembly except the presiding
4 officer of the senate, the speaker of the house, the majority
5 and minority floor leader of each house, and the president
6 pro tempore of the senate and speaker pro tempore of the
7 house shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five thousand
8 dollars for the year 2007 and subsequent years while serving
9 as a member of the general assembly. In addition, each such
10 member shall receive a per diem, as defined in subsection
11 5, for expenses of office, except travel, for each day the
12 general assembly is in session commencing with the first day
13 of a legislative session and ending with the day of final
14 adjournment of each legislative session as indicated by the
15 journals of the house and senate, ~~except that if the length~~
16 ~~of the first regular session of the general assembly exceeds~~
17 ~~one hundred ten calendar days and the second regular session~~
18 ~~exceeds one hundred calendar days, the payments shall be made~~
19 ~~only for one hundred ten calendar days for the first session~~
20 ~~and one hundred calendar days for the second session.~~ Members
21 from Polk county shall receive an amount per day equal to
22 three-fourths of the per diem of the non-Polk county members.
23 Each member shall receive a three hundred dollar per month
24 allowance for legislative district constituency postage,
25 travel, telephone costs, and other expenses. Travel expenses
26 shall be paid at the rate established by [section 8A.363](#) for
27 actual travel in going to and returning from the seat of
28 government by the nearest traveled route for not more than one
29 time per week during a legislative session unless the general
30 assembly otherwise provides.

31 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 2.34 Sessions — duration.**

32 1. Each numbered general assembly as designated in section
33 2.2 shall not convene for more than one hundred days total
34 during the two regular sessions held by that general assembly.

35 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to a special session convened

1 in response to an emergency, including a disaster emergency
2 proclaimed by the governor pursuant to section 29C.6.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill relates to the duration of sessions of the general
7 assembly. The bill limits the days that a general assembly may
8 meet during the two regular sessions convened by that general
9 assembly to 100 days total. The bill does not apply to special
10 sessions convened in response to an emergency.